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FOODGRAINS PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target of foodgrains production during the first three years of Ninth Plan could not be achieved;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of foodgrains production during the last two years of the Ninth Plan and the average production of foodgrains during the Ninth Plan period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The targets and achievements of foodgrain production during the Ninth Five Year Plan are given below:

(million toones)

Year	Targets	Production
1997-98	202.00	192.26
1998-99	210.00	203.61
1999-2000	210.00	208.87
2000-01	212.00	196.07
2001-02	218.00	210.00+

+ Projected

The average annual production of foodgrains during the Ninth Five Year Plan(1997-2002), based on the above figures, works out to 202.16 million tones.

Realisation of targets depends on a number of factors such as performance of monsoons, technological developments, farm management skills, timely application of inputs, demand of agricultural produce etc. In particular, the agricultural production in the country is greatly influenced by the extent and spread of rainfall as about 62% of net area sown is dependent on rains for water. Deficient rainfall also adversely affects the irrigation potential.